

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Virginia	
COUNTY: Henrico	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON: Malvern Hill	11/17/67
AND/OR HISTORIC: Malvern Hill	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: .2 mi. N of Turkey Island Creek, .1 mi. N of Rt. 5, 1 mi. E of intersection of Rt. 5 and Rt. 156, 14.5 mi. E of Richmond			
CITY OR TOWN:			
STATE Virginia	CODE 45	COUNTY: Henrico	CODE 087

3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNERS NAME: Mr. William H. Ferguson			
STREET AND NUMBER: New Market Road			
CITY OR TOWN: Richmond	STATE: Virginia	CODE 45	STATE: Virginia

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Henrico County Court House			
STREET AND NUMBER: 22nd and Main Streets			
CITY OR TOWN: Richmond	STATE: Virginia	CODE 760 45	COUNTY: Henrico
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 733.42			

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1941 Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Washington	STATE: D. C.	CODE 08	ENTRY NUMBER DATE

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Book  
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p. 395  
parcel  
no.  
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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>		
				Moved <input type="checkbox"/>		
				Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Malvern Hill is situated on a high bluff overlooking the James River. All that remains of the house are the foundations and the east gable end wall which incorporates one of the massive end chimneys, ornamented with lozenge or diamond-shaped patterns of glazed bricks known as diaper work. This end chimney probably belonged to an earlier structure as it is not bonded with the end wall, and the brickwork of the chimney and end wall is of different workmanship as well. Architectural investigation of the ruins has shown that the chimneys of the house may have belonged to a wooden structure built perhaps as early as 1662. The wooden house was probably destroyed by fire and the chimneys were incorporated into the brick structure. The date of the rebuilding is uncertain but scholars generally agree that it was done circa 1690-1700.

Fortunately the appearance of the house before the fire, circa 1905, can be determined from a number of photographs. It was a one-and-a-half story structure with a cruciform plan, covered by a steep gable roof with a rake at the modillion cornice. On the river front there was an open porch chamber with side round arches on the front and sides. The arm of the cross on the rear contained not a stair tower as would be expected, but a twelve foot square parlor. On both the river front and rear, the walls are laid in Flemish bond with glazed headers both above and below the high water table with rubbed brick employed in the flat arches of the windows.

According to a former occupant of Malvern Hill, the interior of the house featured "a staircase in the corner of the great hall which rose to a landing about four feet above the floor, then turned and led to a dark upstairs passage and four bedrooms. Off the great hall was the 'East Room', used as the dining room, and entered from a basement kitchen by a small winding staircase tucked away beside a towering chimney". Unfortunately little attempt has been made to stabilize the remaining wall and end chimney, and the brick is badly deteriorated on the interior.

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century ☐  
 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century ☐

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/>	Education <input type="checkbox"/>	Political <input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Historic <input type="checkbox"/>	Industry <input type="checkbox"/>	Science <input type="checkbox"/>	<del>Architecture</del>
Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>	Invention <input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>	History
Art <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/>	
Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Theater <input type="checkbox"/>	
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Music <input type="checkbox"/>		

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Malvern Hill was built by Thomas Cocke (1639-1697), high sheriff of Henrico and a member of the Houses of Burgesses, who was the son of Richard Cocke (1600?-1655), progenitor of the Cocke family in Virginia. The Cocke family owned the property until the late-eighteenth century when James Powell Cocke sold it to Robert Nelson. The house derives its name from the Malvern Hills in England.

Unfortunately the house was destroyed by fire, circa 1905, and only one end wall remains standing. Although it is in ruins, Malvern Hill is significant architecturally as being one of the few known cruciform-plan houses in Virginia. In addition, on the one surviving chimney is perhaps the finest example of seventeenth century diaper brickwork in the state.

Historically, Malvern Hill has been the scene of war on at least three occasions. Lafayette encamped on the property in July and August of 1781, and the Virginia Militia made camp there during the War of 1812. However, Malvern Hill will always be associated with the fierce battle between Lee and McClellan on July 1, 1862, which centered around the bluff on which the house is located.

# 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Lancaster, Robert A., Historic Virginia Homes and Churches, Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott and Company, 1915.

Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, Vols. III and IV.

Waterman, Thomas Tileston, Mansions of Virginia, 1706-1776, New York: Bonanza Books, 1945.

# 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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# 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
*Staff, Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, James W. Moody, Jr., Director*

ORGANIZATION:  
*Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission*

STREET AND NUMBER:  
*9th Street State Office Building*

CITY OR TOWN:  
*Richmond*

STATE:  
*Virginia*

CODE:  
*45*

# 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

# NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Keeper of The National Register*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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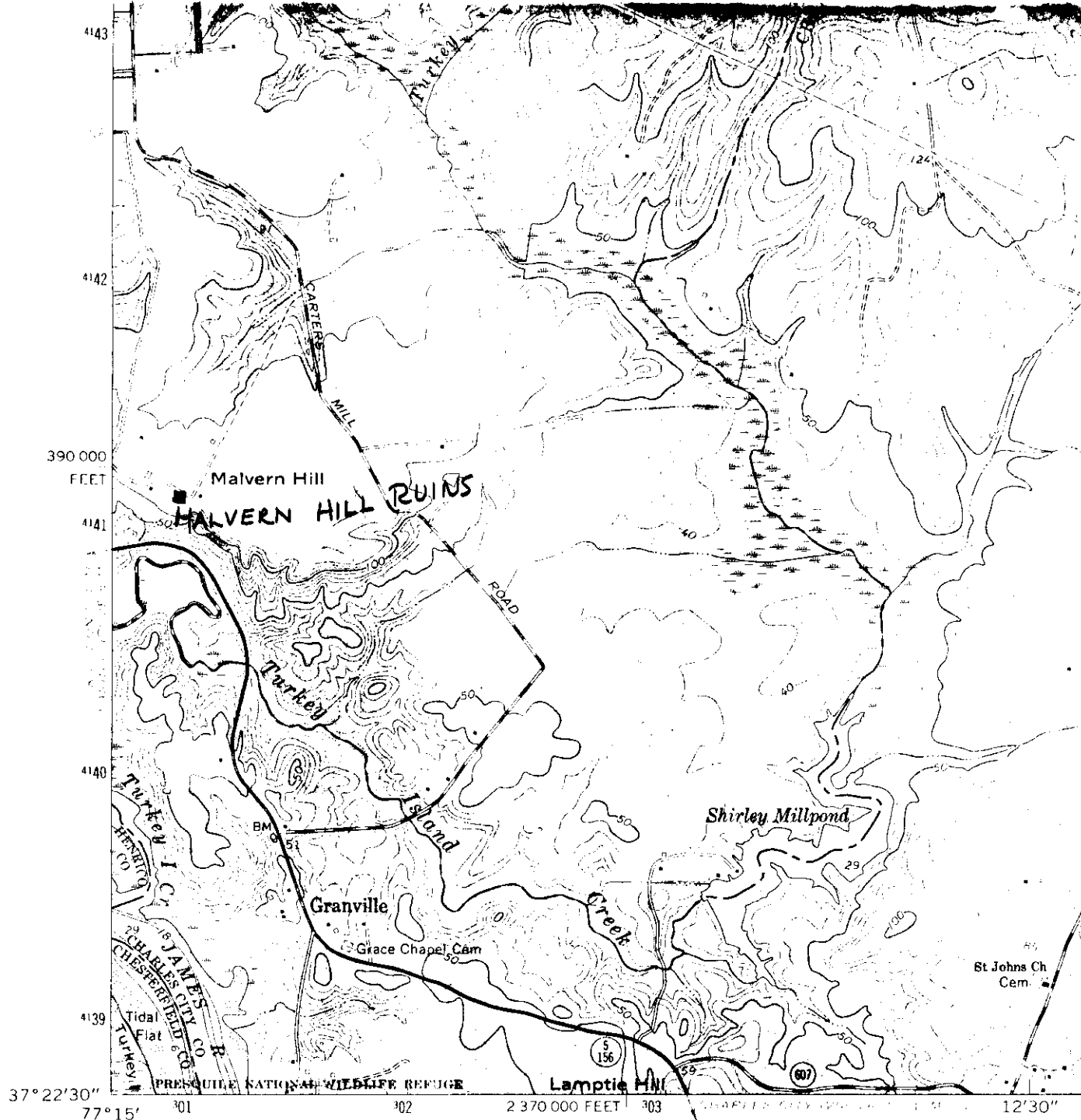
STATE	
Virginia	
COUNTY	
Henrico	
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(Number all entries)

6. Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Report #43-9  
1967

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission  
Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Code: 760  
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(HOPEWELL)  
5568 W SE

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey

Control by USGS and USC&GS

Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1963. Field checked 1965

Supersedes U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey map dated 1953

Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS Chart 531 (1964)

This information is not intended for navigational purposes

Polycoric projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Virginia coordinate system, south zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 18, shown in blue

Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked

